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VTA Construction Projects

Field Activity Report # 01 03 05*

Covering Monday, January 3, 2005 through Sunday, January 9, 2005

***Scheduled activities based on weather and conditions permitting.**

1996 Measure B Transportation Improvement Program

Route 237/I-880 Interchange Project

What: Nighttime closure of the westbound 237/Calaveras Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-880 to install electrical systems.

Detour: Take westbound Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard, turn left on McCarthy Boulevard, turn left on Tasman Drive to southbound I-880

When: January 3 through January 7, 2005, 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

What: Weekend closure of the westbound Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-880. This closure is necessary to shift traffic onto the new braided westbound Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-880.

Detour: Traffic will continue on westbound Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard to McCarthy Boulevard, turn left on McCarthy Boulevard, turn left on Tasman Drive to southbound I-880.

Note: Once construction of the westbound Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard on-ramp to southbound I-880 is completed, the new braided ramp will open to traffic.

Due to the new ramp, the Tasman Drive/Great Mall Parkway off-ramp will no longer be accessible to traffic entering southbound I-880 from westbound Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard. Signs will be posted to inform motorists of the changes.

To access Tasman Drive/Great Mall Parkway, traffic can either continue on westbound Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard to McCarthy Boulevard, turn left on McCarthy Boulevard, turn left on Tasman Drive to southbound I-880 or exit Montague Expressway from southbound I-880.

When: Beginning 11:00 p.m. on Friday, January 7
Ending 5:30 a.m., Monday, January 10, 2005

What: Nighttime full freeway closure on southbound I-880 between the eastbound Route 237 off-ramp and the Route 237/Calaveras Boulevard overcrossing to remove falsework (temporary wooden frame that supports the weight of the bridge during construction).

- Detour:** Turn right at Calaveras Boulevard off-ramp onto westbound Route 237, turn left on McCarthy Boulevard off-ramp, turn left on Tasman Drive to southbound I-880.
- When:** January 3 through January 7, 2005, midnight to 4:00 a.m.
- What:** Nighttime closure of the eastbound Route 237 connector ramp to southbound I-880 to move safety barriers.
- Detour:** Exit McCarthy Boulevard, turn right on McCarthy Boulevard to Tasman Drive, turn left on Tasman Drive to southbound I-880
- When:** January 3 through January 7, 2005, midnight to 5:00 a.m.
- What:** Nighttime closure of the southbound I-880 off-ramp to Tasman Drive/Great Mall Parkway to move safety barriers.
- Detour:** Exit westbound Montague Expressway, turn right on McCarthy Boulevard, turn right on Tasman Drive
- When:** January 3 through January 7, 2005, 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- What:** Nighttime closure of the Tasman Drive/Great Mall Parkway on-ramp to southbound I-880 to move safety barriers.
- Detour:** Take westbound Tasman Drive, turn left on McCarthy Boulevard, turn left on Montague Expressway, to southbound I-880
- When:** January 3 through January 7, 2005, 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.
- What:** Daytime variable lane closures on the southbound I-880 off-ramp to Tasman Drive/Great Mall Parkway for various construction activities.
- When:** January 3 through January 7, 2005, 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- What:** Crews will install electrical systems, remove falsework (temporary wooden frame that supports the weight of the bridge during construction) and construct a concrete barrier and slab. Traffic should not be affected.
- When:** January 3 through January 7, 2005, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Valley Transportation Plan (VTP) Projects

SVRTC—BART to Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara Project

- What:** Utility location and weed abatement work along Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way between Marburg Way in San Jose and Mission Boulevard in Fremont. No road or lane closures are associated with this work.
- When:** January 3 through January 7, 2005, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- What:** Cone Penetration Testing (CPT) work on public streets within the City of San Jose. These tests typically require one-half day to complete and typically require the closure of one lane of traffic. Depending on the location of the test site within the roadway, parking restrictions may also be required.

Multiple tests will be performed at sites on or adjacent to Stockton Avenue between The Alameda and Interstate 880.

When: January 3 through January 7, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

What: Geotechnical testing on public streets within the City of San Jose. Boreholes typically require two to three days to complete and typically require the closure of two lanes of traffic during work hours. At least one lane of through traffic in each direction will be maintained. Depending on the location of the borehole within the roadway, parking restrictions may also be required. Boreholes will be drilled at three sites on or adjacent to Santa Clara Street between 13th and 26th Streets.

When: January 3 through January 7, 2005, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

VTA Rail Grinding Project

What: Rail Grinding on VTA Light Rail Trackway

Rail grinding will take place on the westbound and eastbound trackway between the North First Street and Tasman Drive intersection in San Jose to the light rail terminus in Downtown Mountain View.

Construction crews are grinding the rails to smooth the track surface, reduce noise generated by wheels on the track, and to extend the life of the rail. It is expected that it will take six weeks to complete the entire system.

When: On Thursday, December 16, 2004, rail-grinding operation will break for the holiday season and resume on January 3, 2005.

Depending on the condition of the track, the rail grinder will complete approximately 1/2 to three miles per night. It is estimated that it will take approximately two weeks to complete rail grinding in this segment. However, the grinder will not be in any one section of rail for very long.

Hours of rail grinding operations will be from 10:00 p.m. to 4:30 a.m. Daytime traffic and light rail service will not be affected.